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A healthy bite

BRANSTON Pickle and Ambrosia custard maker **Premier Foods** yesterday swallowed meat-free producer **Cauldron Foods** as it tapped into a growing hunger for healthy meals.

Premier paid £27 million for Cauldron, which supplies supermarkets with vegetarian sausages, tofu and other foods from its Bristol base.

The £172m acquisition of the maker of Quorn in

June first took Premier into the healthy eating market.

Its portfolio also includes Cadbury's Hot Chocolate and Sarsen's vinegar.

Cauldron, which has 215 staff, has annual sales of £14.7m and pre-tax profits last year totalled £1.3m.

Chief executive Robert Schofield said: "Cauldron will further enhance our position in the high-growth healthy eating market."

FAIR SHARES

SPECULATION that another UK blue chip company was close to being taken over drove leading share prices higher yesterday. The FTSE 100 Index closed 27 points higher at 5344.3 as investors bet on the likes of insurer **Royal & SunAlliance** and oil and gas explorer **BG Group** being among the most likely bid targets.

BAA axe 700

AIRPORTS operator **BAA** is to shed 700 jobs or nearly one in five management and administration posts in a three-year cost-cutting drive.

The owner of seven UK airports, including Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, said the cuts, from a worldwide workforce of 12,000, would save £45 million a year and lead to one-off costs of £90m.

Chief executive Mike Clasper said the group had performed well but needed streamlining to reduce bureaucracy while maintaining frontline staffing.

News of the cuts came as BAA announced increased traffic and a rise in underlying half-year profits from £348 million to £366m. Passenger numbers rose 2.5% to 82.3m in the six months to the end of September.

Matalan suffers

Sales plunge is 'scary'

MATALAN said yesterday sales had fallen off a cliff since the end of August.

The budget clothing chain also warned it saw no sign of improvement in time for Christmas.

Chief executive John King blamed the unseasonably warm weather for a first half 6.3% like-for-like sales fall - accelerating to 10.6% in the past two months.

He said: "The whole market is down. Where T-shirts and shorts were not selling in the cold early

by BILL MARTIN

spring, it's the same now with knitwear and coats."

Analysts called the fall "pretty scary" and warned Matalan was losing customers to **Primark** and supermarket giants like **Tesco** and **Asda**.

They have been rapidly expanding their space for clothes.

Worse

Matalan's homework sales were doing even worse than its clothing, like the range modelled left.

Christmas gifts, cards and soft furnishings were selling particularly poorly, King said.

He added: "People are only buying things when they need them."

But he insisted his stores close

to rivals had performed in line with the rest of the chain.

And he added: "Primark are piling up space as we did in the 1990s."

"But we found that as we got bigger we had to offer customers more choice."

Matalan shares, which reached 750p in the chain's glory days of rapid expansion in 2000, have fallen 30% this year.

Yesterday they rose 0.5p to 165.5p, even though analysts warned that a long-rumoured takeover bid was very unlikely.

First half profits were down 28% to £31 million as expected.

City experts warned that forecast £78m full-year profits could fall as low as £50m.

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LSE bid given the OK

A £1.5 BILLION takeover of the **London Stock Exchange** by either of its two major rivals has been given the go-ahead.

But the Competition Commission placed obstacles in their path.

Euronext and **Deutsche Börse** must guarantee independence for the company that clears share trades in London, **LCH Clearnet**, before they can proceed.

It means Euronext, the only company considering a bid, must cut its stake in LCH Clearnet from 41.5% to 14.9%.

Deutsche Börse must undertake not to switch clearing to any clearing house it controls. It might bid if Euronext formalises its offer.

LSE shares rose 3p to 569.5p on the news.

HOT GOSSIP

GRESHAM Computing climbed 2.5p to 76p amid speculation it was close to agreeing deals for more major banks to use its Nostro clearing and settlement system for providing currency information. **HSBC** became the first financial giant to sign up nearly two months ago.

FTSE100 SHARE INDEX ▲ Up 27.00 points (0.51%) at 5344.30

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A.B. Food	788	-3	863	699	1082	Compass Group	229	+1	264	175	7663	Legal&Gen	109	+1	119	100	1036	Ryl Dutch Shell 'B'	1838	-5	1959	1727	6691
Alliance & Leic	837	+3	947	814	2233	Daily Mail	190	-9	764	617	3973	Lib-Int	943	+12	1025	861	7649	SAB	1063	-3	1100	774	4718
Alliance Unschm	751	-9	872	670	6027	Diageo	833	-2	841	721	1029	Lloyds Tsb Grp	453	+1	509	415	6395	Sage Grp	219	+2	230	184	6601
AMVSCAP	357	+11	432	299	1124	DSC Int	143	-1	174	136	1020	Man Grp	1554	+4	1711	1162	7896	Sainsbury Plc	277	-2	302	257	1050
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Astrazeneca	2534	+1	2767	1861	5585	Friends Prov	177	+1	189	136	7733	National Grid	516	+1	675	461	4443	Scott & Newcastle	466	-1	489	405	1421
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Bp	734	+3	741	422	1094	Imp Tobacco Grp	1515	-5	1629	1271	1271	Rentokil Int'l	150	-2	173	139	7779	Util Utilities	525	+2	585	545	4010
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CIGS BAN COSTS JDW

PUBS group **JD Wetherspoon** has hit out at the Government's planned smoking ban after unveiling a fall in sales in its non-smoking pubs.

Finance director Jim Clarke yesterday said proposals to ban smoking only in pubs serving food was "without logic".

He said the plan was confusing and would discriminate against staff in non-food pubs.

Clarke said like-for-like sales had fallen 7.3% in the 47 non-smoking pubs

in JDW's 650-strong estate. But he said the group was learning valuable lessons and would make all its pubs non-smoking before the 2007 ban.

The company also unveiled plans to open pubs at 9am to sell breakfasts and drinks to people coming off night shifts.

Its shares rose 4.5p to 300p.

● **Lambert & Butler** **Imperial Tobacco** said overseas sales drove pre-tax profits up 11% to £1.12 billion for the year to September.

DAILY STAR Mobiles

Our consumer guide to the latest mobile phones in the market place

MOBILE gambling is the latest craze to sweep the mobile phone market, with experts forecasting a huge boom in the industry.

In five years there will be more than 200 million consumers gambling through their mobile phones, according to a new report into mobile gambling from market research firm Informa Telecoms & Media.

But in order to reach this figure, the operators and the companies who run the mobile gambling services will have to overcome many legal, technological and cultural hurdles.

"Mobile gambling is already generating significant revenues, but there is room for sharp growth in the years ahead," said Stuart Dredge, who wrote the report.

"Operators recognise that there is a strong demand for mobile gambling

services, and there is no shortage of companies looking to provide them. However, the industry must keep in mind its responsibilities to tackle underage and problem gambling."

Wild Jack Mobile Casino, which promotes responsible gambling, recently announced the launch of one of the first fully mobile wireless casinos in the UK.

Featuring six classic casino games, including roulette, blackjack, and video poker, Wild Jack Mobile Casino is one of the first mobile casinos to operate a mobile gambling system that enables players to register, pay and play directly from their mobile phone.

The service is available to adults over the age of 18 in the UK who pass a strict verification age process.

Vodafone UK and British Sky Broadcasting (Sky) have just

announced plans to launch a mobile TV service in the UK.

The deal marks another major step forward in the delivery of entertainment to mobile phones, with users able to enjoy television programmes on the move and, for the first time, having round-the-clock access to live breaking news and sports reports from Sky News and Sky Sports News.

There will be two Sky Mobile TV packages offering a combined total of 19 mobile channels including Sky News, Sky Sports News, MTV, Sky One, History Channel and Biography Channel.

Some channels will be broadcast 'as live' and others will be dedicated 'made for mobile' channels, featuring regularly updated blocks of programming.

All Vodafone UK customers with 3G handsets will be able to watch Sky Mobile TV on their phones in areas of 3G coverage.

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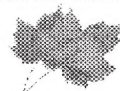
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NOTTINGHAM will hold a precautionary inspection at 7am to determine whether today's meeting will go ahead.

Although officials are hopeful of holding the fixture, the going is currently soft, heavy in places and clerk of the course Nick Patton has his fingers crossed some of the forecast overnight rain bypasses the Colwick Park venue.

"We are holding a precautionary inspection purely because we would be fairly concerned if the forecast 10 to 12 millimetres of rain fell."

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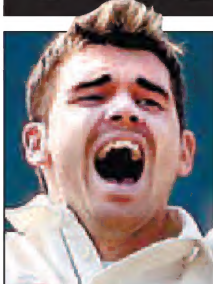
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ASHES AGES FLOP AGAIN



ANDERSON: Three wickets

ENGLAND'S Ashes heroes suffered another batting nightmare here yesterday – but were then praised by assistant coach Matthew Maynard.

Michael Vaughan's men stare defeat in the face after crashing to 39-6 against the Pakistan Cricket Board Patron's XI, leaving them with a precarious lead of 84.

And that followed an equally disastrous 60-6 in the first innings of their three-day tour opener.

But Maynard ruled out any idea of complacency from a team heralded for their victory over Australia less than two months ago.

Maynard said: "To lose the wickets has been a disappointment. But the guys look

in top nick in the nets and the practice wickets are totally different to the centre wicket we have here.

"That will be totally different to the Test wicket we will have in two weeks' time, so I wouldn't read too much into it."

Muggy

England's own Test back-up bowlers fared well on a surface allowing occasional exaggerated seam movement as well as swing in the muggy air.

James Anderson and off-spinner Shaun Udal returned to the fold with three wickets each and debutant Liam Plunkett did the same as the Board XI were out for 211.

Yasir Arafat (2-1) and Mohammad Irshad (3-22) did the damage second time round on a pitch Maynard conceded should have suited England's batsmen.

He said: "It is pretty much English conditions, but we haven't adapted that well."

Andrew Strauss (6), Vaughan (0), Kevin Pietersen (10) and Geraint Jones (0) went cheaply as England crashed in 14 overs.

ENGLAND 256-9dec (Trescothick 124no, Prior 50; Arafat 4-45 & 39-6 (Irshad 3-22), PATRON'S XI 211 (Udal 3-36, Plunkett 3-41, Anderson 3-50).

Prince to rule for Roos

AUSTRALIA have put their faith in Scott Prince as the man to pick up the torch left by the great Andrew Johns, writes MARTIN RICHARDS.

The Wests Tigers skipper caps a fairy-tale season with his debut after getting the nod over Trent Barrett and Craig Gower for the scrum-half spot against Great Britain at Wigan on Saturday.

Queenslander Prince, who led unfancied Wests to their first NRL title this season, takes over from injured Johns, whose Test reign appears to be over.

Prince, 25, admitted: "It's an honour and a privilege to play for Australia and to get the nod over two more experienced candidates. Now I have to perform."

AUSTRALIA: Minichiello; King, Gasnier, Cooper, Tate; Lockyer (capt), Price, Buderus, Cionkeva, O'Donnell, Fitzgibbon, S. Kennedy; Subs from Barrett, Ryles, O'Meley, Mason, Hindmarsh.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS AND PRICES

★ **MONKERRHOSTIN** has been slashed to 5-2 clear favourite from 10-1 by Coral for the Paddy Power Gold Cup after his impressive win at Exeter yesterday.

★ **RACING DEMON** has been promoted to 7-1 clear favourite from 12-1 for the Royal & Sunalliance Chase and to 8-1 from 14-1 for the Arkle after his win at Exeter. Chilling Place is 10-1 from 20-1 for the Arkle after his gallant second.

★ Leading novice hurdler Roman Ark is likely to make his chasing debut at Carlisle on Monday. Malcolm Jefferson's grey rattled off a three-time last winter, including one of the best performances by a novice when thrashing Baby Run and Turpin Green in a Grade Two event at Haydock.

4.10 (3m): 1. TOULOUSE-LAUTREC (A P McCoy 10-1 fav); 2. Knight Of Silver (R Greene 50-1); 3. Rosetown (W McCarthy 7-1).
4.16: 9 ran. T George, Slad.
Total: £1.80; pl £1.10, £5.20, £1.70, exacta: £33.60, csf: £42.07, tricst: £235.70.
PLACEPO: £13.40
JACKPOT: £23,015.60

WORCESTER
1.50 (2m): 1. NOVACELLA (A Thornton 13-8 fav); 2. Very Special One (J P McNamara 12-1); 3. Labelthou (J Tizzard 9-2), 2/21, 6/1.
13 ran. R Alber, Blandford.
Total: £2.10; pl £1.10, £2.30, £1.20, exacta: £28.30, csf: £22.53, tricst: £22.53.
2.20 (2m 4f): 1. SALTANGO (W Kennedy 5-4 fav); 2. Taking My Cut (R McGrath 18-1); 3. Eight Fifty Five (W Marston 22-1), 10/1, 12/1.
12 ran. A Hales, Aylesbury.
Total: £2.10; pl £1.20, £3.70, £3.10, exacta: £25.90, csf: £26.12, tricst: £26.12.
NR: Paradise Bay.

2.50 (2m 7f): 1. IDLE TALK (J M Maguire 7-2 fav); 2. Lord Killishara (J Tizzard 12-1); 3. Mel In Blue (M R S Waley-Cohen 9-2), 6/1, 4/1.
14 ran. T George, Slad.
Total: £5.30; pl £1.40, £4.29, £1.60, exacta: £70.40, csf: £44.29, NR: My Only Bid.

3.20 (2m 4f): 1. PARDON WHAT (K McEvoy 20-1); 2. Eklana (S Walsh 66-1); 3. Hard N Sharp (W Kennedy 6-1); 4. Caspian Duck (R Lucey-Butler 40-1).
Theprideireann 3-1 fav, 5/1, 1/4/1.
17 ran. S Lyett, Bourton-On-The-Water.
Total: £2.30; pl £1.00, £1.30, £2.40, exacta: £1,203.50, csf: £1,198.92, tricst: £1,190.92.

3.50 (2m 4f): 1. MAJOR EURO (M Foley 11-2); 2. Mon Mome (S Thomas 5-1); 3. Bunkum (W Kennedy 6-1), Kosmos Blie 11-8 fav, NK, 20/1.
7 ran. S Gilmore, Baldry.
Total: £6.30; pl £1.80, £5.80, exacta: £25.60, csf: £30.86.

4.20 (2m): 1. AU COURANT (S Curling 11-10 fav); 2. Busy Henry (L Heart 7-1); 3. Different Cases (Mr Alan Berry 7-4), 1/2/1, 1/1.
5 ran. N Henderson, Lambourn.
Total: £1.80; pl £1.10, £1.90, exacta: £5.00, csf: £3.91.
QUADPO: £68.70
PLACEPO: £233.70

FLEMINGTON
Melbourne Cup, 04.00 (2m): 1. MAKRE DIVA (J Best 5-5 fav); 2. On A Jume (D Gauci 70-1); 3. Xcellent (M Coleman 20-1), 1/4/1, 1/2/1.
24 ran. L Freedman.
Total: £3.60; pl £2.00, £14.60, £5.80, csf: £197.50, tricst: £4,951.70.

CATTERICK
1.00 (7f): 1. GLENBUCK (J Fanning 5-1); 2. Laphonic (Saleem Golam 9-2); 3. Graze On Too (E Ahern 14-1), Roomah 3-1 fav, 13/1.
1/4/1, 11 ran. A Bailey, Targorley.
Total: £5.90; pl £1.90, £2.00, £4.60, exacta: £25.20, csf: £26.40, tricst: £27.48.
(7f): 1. OUCHARD SUPREME (R L Moore 8-1); 2. Lady Lochiver (Dean McKeown 14-1); 3. King's Revenge (D Allan 15-8), Violent Velocity 6-4 fav, 6/1, 1/2/1.
11 ran. R Hannon, Marlborough.
Total: £8.40; pl £2.10, £3.90, £1.50, exacta: £77.70, csf: £100.07.

2.00 (6f): 1. NAMID REPROBATE (S W Kelly 6-1); 2. Hits Only Jude (Dean McKeown 3-1); 3. Squadron Leader (R L Moore 11-1), High Curragh 5-2 fav, NK, 3/2/1.
10 ran. P Cole, Whitcombe.
Total: £5.60; pl £2.30, £1.50, £3.40, exacta: £38.80, csf: £24.04, tricst: £197.97.

2.40 (1m 4f): 1. GIFTED MUSICIAN (E Ahern 13-2); 2. Desert Storm (A Munro 3-1) fav, 3/1.
Xacobe (R L Moore 7-2), Trew Style 3-1 j fav, 5/1, 15/1.
15 ran. J Dunlop, Arundel.
Total: £10.00; pl £2.30, £1.50, £1.60, exacta: £36.40, csf: £23.22.

(7f): 1. WYATT EARP (P Norton 20-1); 2. Trojan Flight (E Ahern 8-1); 3. Imperialistic (D P McDonogh 12-1); 4. Zhotimor (P Makin 8-1), Morse 5-1 fav, 11/1, 1/4/1, 1/4/1.
18 ran. R Fahey, Malton.
Total: £23.20; pl £7.40, £2.50, £4.00, exacta: £430.20, csf: £164.85, tricst: £2,045.73.

3.30 (5f): 1. DIZZY IN THE HEAD (L Enstone 6-1 j fav); 2. Mynd (Hayley Turner 6-1 j fav); 3. Angelforth (A Munro 9-1), 3/1, 3/2/1.
17 ran. I Sempie, Carlisle.
Total: £7.70; pl £2.80, £2.30, £4.70, exacta: £30.70, csf: £35.93.
4.00 (1m 6f): 1. HERNANDO'S BOY (R L Moore 9-1); 2. Grey

1.40 (2m 1f): 1. BLACK HILLS (A McCarthy 8-1); 2. Private Be (R Johnson 10-11 fav); 3. Autumn Red (T Doyle 9-2), 12/1, 7/1.
16 ran. J A Geake, Andover.
Total: £9.50; pl £3.00, £1.10, £2.00, exacta: £26.60, csf: £16.11, NR: Jeppers Creepers, Stony Drive.

2.10 (2m 3f): 1. NIPPY DES MOTTES (R Walsh 4-5 fav); 2. Galteemountain Boy (D J Casey 20-1); 3. Flying Fuseller (R Johnson 5-1), 15/1, 25/1.
11 ran. P Nicholls, Shepton Mallet.
Total: £11.70; pl £1.10, £9.10, £1.40, exacta: £22.70, csf: £31.57.

2.40 (2m 1f): 1. MONKER-HOSTIN (R Johnson 10-1); 2. Kauto Star (R Walsh 3-1); 3. Ashley Brook (P J Brennan 7-4 fav), 4/1, 9/1.
11 ran. P Hobbs, Minehead.
Total: £14.60; pl £3.10, £2.10, £1.70, exacta: £68.20, tricst: £77.15.

3.10 (2m 1f): 1. RACING DEMON (T Murphy 9-4 j fav); 2. Chilling Place (R Johnson 9-4 j fav); 3. Shuhood (T Doyle 16-1), 1/2/1, 15/1.
18 ran. Miss H Knight, Warrington.
Total: £2.70; pl £1.10, £1.10, £2.60, exacta: £8.60, csf: £7.43.

3.40 (2m 1f): 1. SAFFRON SUN (Christian Williams 15-2); 2. The New Tour (D Elsworth 7-1); 3. Charles Future (T Doyle 14-1), Moscow Whisper 11-4 fav, 5/1, 1/4/1.
11 ran. J J L Buckastleigh.
Total: £8.40; pl £2.40, £3.10, £3.70, exacta: £47.40, csf: £58.12, tricst: £727.87.

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SERIOUSLY football

Gunners aiming for a knockout

Wenger: Mour just so stupid

From Back Page

But I do not know what that will be yet. I have not said anything malicious about Chelsea, just my honest opinion.

"I would expect others to do the same about Arsenal, if they were asked.

"I do not care what people say, but I will always say what I think. If you give success to stupid people it makes them more stupid sometimes, not more intelligent.

"When you receive personal attacks that are nothing to do with the game, you have to say it is disrespectful.

"I will not accept that lack of respect."

Sickness

Wenger's strong words came after Mourinho taunted his rival in the wake of Chelsea's 4-2 win over Blackburn.

The Arsenal boss had previously suggested the Premiership champions could be vulnerable after drawing with Everton and losing on penalties to Charlton in the Carling Cup.

Mourinho's prickly response was: "I think Wenger is one of those - what do you call it in English - voyeurs.

"He is someone who likes to watch other people. He is always speaking about other families. It is a sickness. Being a voyeur is a sickness."



THUMBS UP: Thierry Henry looks fit and sharp in training yesterday while Arsenal Wenger (inset) is deep in thought Pics: LAWRENCE LUSTIG

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ARSENAL	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
Ajax	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
FC Thun	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Sparta Prague	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

Remaining fixtures - Tonight: Arsenal v Sparta Prague, FC Thun v Ajax. Nov 22: Ajax v Sparta Prague, FC Thun v Arsenal. Dec 7: Arsenal v Ajax, Sparta Prague v FC Thun.

I WON'T LOSE ANY SLEEP OVER JIBE

ARSENE WENGER has enjoyed his jousting with Sir Alex Ferguson but when it comes to Jose Mourinho it's personal.

And the Chelsea boss has made sure of that.

Bergie and Wenger have always loved the mind games, and employed them to great effect.

But brash Mourinho does not care about reputations and has taken the battles to an extra level by calling Wenger "a sick voyeur" in an attempt to wind him up.

This is nothing new. In his short time in England the Portuguese boss has upset UEFA, the FA, the Premier League, Johan Cruyff, Frank Rijkaard, Mark Hughes,

by **DANNY FULLBROOK**

Liverpool fans and particularly Wenger.

Arsenal boss Wenger protested ahead of tonight's Champions League tie with Sparta Prague that he could not care less about Mourinho's barbed comments.

Irritation

But he blatantly does - and maybe that's because what he says or does seemingly has no effect on the Chelsea machine.

In the midst of having a go back at Mourinho and accusing him of

being disrespectful and insisting he is not obsessed with Chelsea, he still found the clarity of mind to have another well-timed dig when talking about the title race.

He said: "There is a long way to go, especially if people get nervous."

Of course, claiming back-to-back titles is something Wenger has not been able to do.

The fact Chelsea look certain is another irritation to the normally unflappable Wenger.

Chelsea smashed all sorts of records on the way to their first League Championship in 50 years last season.

But Wenger insisted last night: "I am not obsessed with Chelsea. I am at a club that I am happy

with. I do not understand why he has said what he has but I will not be asking for an apology because there is nothing to say. There is no need to clear the air.

"What he has said will not stop me sleeping at night. I have a game to be concerned about."

"I can take criticism about my team but take exception when it becomes personal."

Respect

"I am just getting on with my job and continue saying what I want to say. That will be about football and not a personal attack."

"Our Champions League destiny is much more important. We have a chance of finishing the job against Prague and qualifying. But I will not accept the lack of respect I have been shown. Frankly I am not interested in Chelsea. I never worry about them."

"I know we are equipped to win the Champions League, just like 10 or 11 other teams."

"We will be giving it our best shot."

Thierry Henry is set to start against Sparta but Freddie Ljungberg is out.

ARSENAL (probable): Lehmann, Lauren, Toure, Campbell, Clichy, Reyes, Fabregas, Gilberto, Pires, Henry, Bergkamp.

TV: Sky Sports Xtra 7.45 (digital viewers choose from eight matches).

GREG RUSEDKI failed in his bid to topple Tim Henman as British No.1 when he crashed 6-2 to Russia's Nikolay Davydenko in the second round of the Paris Masters.

"There wasn't much happening for me today," said Rusedki. "Whichever option I chose was the wrong one."

Hans up for Panthers

SPEEDWAY by **PETER OAKES**

PETERBOROUGH are closing in on the first big signing of the winter - and he's on their own doorstep.

They are set to snap up Danish star Hans Andersen, who lives on a posh estate close to the East of England Showground and can even see the track from his bedroom window!

Andersen, 25 tomorrow, will decide this morning



Peterborough again after an acrimonious split at the end of 2003.

But a change of ownership - with ex-promoter Mick Horton selling out to his brother Colin in the summer - will make it easier for Andersen to have a change of heart.

Answer

Andersen flew back home to Denmark yesterday and has promised to give his final answer to Peterborough's lucrative offer first thing today

after discussing it with his family.

Meanwhile, Elite League Oxford seem certain to be in new hands by the end of the month.

Owner Steve Purchase has revealed he is in talks with a prospective buyer after the previous leaseholder, Nigel Wagstaff, quit last week.

Purchase said: "Our discussions are at an advanced stage and I am hopeful that a deal can be concluded shortly."

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It's been our habit from time to time to use a few questions and answers so that readers can assess how their poker game is developing. Try these for size.

TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

Question A: During tournament play you find yourself heads up. Your stack is four times more valuable than the big blind who limps in. Your hole cards are the Ace of Spades and the Ace of Clubs. Should you check? Pile in with a large raise? Or make a raise that your opponent might be tempted to call?

Question B: You have King of Spades and King of Diamonds as hole cards on the button. Four players ahead of you limp in and you raise three times the big blind. The flop is Jack of Hearts, Five of Clubs and Ace of Clubs. You're faced with two calls and a raise of six times the big blind. What action do you take? Do you call? Do you re-raise? Do you go all-in? Or fold?

Question C: You're in a \$5-\$10 game where everyone at the table is deep stacked. You're dealt Five of Hearts and Five of Diamonds in a late position and follow a small raise with your call after two other calls have been made. The flop produces Five of Spades, Seven of Hearts, Ten of Clubs. The raiser bets, another player calls and you decide to call. Another Ten shows up at the turn and everyone repeats their previous action. The river delivers a Queen. Everyone checks except the raiser who makes a big bet. All those left in the game have plenty of funds. Do you re-raise? Call? Fold? Or go all-in?

TUTORIAL ANSWERS

Answer A: The strategy is clearly to keep your opponent in the game while realising that pocket rockets are a fabulous hand under any circumstances. You don't want to edge him out of the game until you have an idea of what he's holding and you certainly don't want him to see the flop for free while you're holding pocket dynamite. The answer is you make a raise that's within his ability to call.

Answer B: There's an excellent chance one of your opposing players is holding an Ace. There's even a likelihood his kicker is a Jack or a Five. Either way with an Ace on the board the chance of a pair of bullets is too great for your Kings. It never feels good to fold a high pair but it's the right play when you see that Ace in the community cards.

Answer C: Your hand is good but not invincible by any means.

It's easily possible the raiser made Queen trips at the river following up on a pair of Queens in the hole. You should call. If he re-raises you should bow out with your stack still intact and pray it's not a mad bluff.

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HE'S GOT BALLS

Obsessive collector Ted Hoz of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has a collection of 69,384 golf balls. We don't reckon his neighbours are 'green' with envy.

FANCY THAT

The word 'fan' doesn't come from the word 'fanatic'. In fact it comes from the posh 'fancy men' who used to watch bare-knuckle fighting in the 19th century.

RED CARD RECORD

The beautiful game turned into the ugliest during a match between Chile and Uruguay in June 1975 when a nutty 19 players picked up a red card.

TURFED OUT

It's a tough act to follow as Bill Lampton of Scunthorpe found out - he holds the record for the shortest ever reign as a football club boss lasting a miserable three days.

GETTING SHIRTY

Goalies didn't have to wear different coloured shirts from their team-mates until 1913 - after referees complained that they needed to clearly know which player could handle the ball. At first green was the most popular because few teams wore the colour as their first strip.

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THE QUESTION

What is the number of shirt that David Beckham wears when he plays for England?

A. 1 B. 3 C. 7



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NOBBY'S

SERIOUSLY football

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE: We feel your

WOOLY'S VERDICT



Roy's rant has to be punished

It is difficult to see how Roy Keane can play for Manchester United again.

Whatever the reaction by the players tonight in the Champions League against Lille, Keane has distanced himself from a new team trying to prove there isn't a crisis at Old Trafford.

Not for the first time in his career, the captain has gone over the top. This time, on his own team-mates.

Brave

What Keane should have done is march into the training ground on Monday morning and pinned a few of them up against a wall, not vent his disgust inside a TV studio.

It is claimed the players he tore into during a now-banned interview on the club's own MUTV station will no doubt put on a brave face.

No-one will want to stand up to the skipper who has always been manager Sir Alex Ferguson's first lieutenant, on and off the pitch.

John O'Shea said yesterday criticism is part and parcel of playing for United. Is that what he really felt?

Ferguson's way of deflecting the Keane row was to refuse to talk about it and, instead, describe United as the greatest club on the planet.

That is what they would like to be.

That is what they were a few years ago. They don't look like that now, however.

Fergie was on good form yesterday, far better than his side has shown this season.

But behind the public swagger, he will be thinking about Keane and what to do about him.

He has always supported his captain, through fair and foul play.

Often it has been claimed Ferguson encouraged Keane to have a go at players and supporters alike - perhaps even writing his script.

But this is different. If the manager backs Keane again then he is in danger of splitting the dressing-room.

Indeed, it should have been the manager fiercely criticising the team after Saturday's shocking performance at Middlesbrough, not the captain.

I would love to be a fly on the wall inside the United dressing-room tonight.

Will Fergie still ignore the Keane claims or will he use them to lift a group of players who must be shell-shocked after what has gone on since the weekend?

Passion

Surely he has to use the Keane rant to inspire his side ahead of a game United must win. The Champions League is all they have left.

They can give the perfect answer against Lille with a display of passion and pride that will help prove their captain is yesterday's man.

BRIAN WOOLNOUGH

FERGIE:



GROUP D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MAN UNITED	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Benfica	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Villarreal	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Lille	3	0	2	1	0	1	2

Remaining fixtures - Tonight: Benfica v Villarreal, Lille v Man United. Nov 22: Lille v Benfica, Man United v Villarreal. Dec 7: Benfica v Man United, Villarreal v Lille.

PARIS MATCH: Fergie faces the media in Paris yesterday

SPORTWORD

- ACROSS
- Wolves and Scotland midfielder (8)
 - Stephen, Tour de France winner in 1987 (5)
 - See 13 down
 - Beaumont, British Lions captain in 1980 (4)
 - Bruce, former Nottinghamshire and England wicketkeeper (6)
 - Manchester United and England striker (6)
 - Khan, boxing silver medalist at the 2004 Olympics (4)
 - Rovers, League of Ireland club (5)
 - Coast, Kolo Toure's football country (5)
 - Scottish Premier League club (8)
- DOWN
- Henry, trainer whose first Derby winner was Slip Anchor (5)
 - Stephen, golfer whose first US Tour victory was the Western Open in 2004 (4)
 - Philippe, former Newcastle United and Belgium defender (6)
 - Prost, Formula One world champion on four occasions (5)
 - Kenny, father and son American motorcyclists (7)
 - Snooker world champion in 1997 (7)
 - Harry, men's 100 metres Commonwealth champion in 1966 (6)
 - and 7 across. Winner of the Oaks in 2004 (5, 5)
 - England's 1966 World Cup winning football captain (5)
 - Dicky, famous cricket umpire (4)

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5 FOR FUN

- Name the runner-up in the men's singles at Wimbledon in 1979, who is back in jail after violating his probation.
- Which football club have expressed an interest in moving to London's 2012 Olympic Stadium, only to be thwarted, after organisers said it was to be used mainly for athletics?
- Which England striker, with 31 caps, ended his career with a brief spell at Burnley, in the 1990-2000 season?
- With which sport would you associate the Melbourne Cup?
- In darts, which is the lowest number unattainable with one dart?

Answers: Page 52

pain, Sir Alex tells United fans IT HURTS LIKE HELL



■ **THE CHUCKLE BROTHERS:** Wayne Rooney and Sir Alex Ferguson put United's worries to one side last night as they train in Paris

SIR ALEX FERGUSON has admitted he is hurting as much as the fans over Manchester United's current crisis.

United face a vital few days, starting with tonight's crucial Champions League clash with Lille and then the visit of Premiership top dogs Chelsea on Sunday.

And Ferguson said: "There is no question that I know exactly how the fans feel. And I hope that they know exactly how we feel."

Faith

United crashed to their heaviest defeat in 19 months on Saturday, a 4-1 humiliation at Middlesbrough.

It leaves them a massive 13 points adrift of unbeaten Chelsea, while they also look vulnerable in Europe. A team minus injured skipper Roy

■ from **BILL THORNTON** in Paris

Keane, Gary Neville, Gabriel Heinze and Quinton Fortune, plus the suspended Paul Scholes, must regain respect in the Stade de France.

Many of the players were slammed by Keane in an MUTV programme that was pulled on Monday and is unlikely ever to be aired.

Ferguson refused to discuss that but he hinted he had not taken the big stick to the players in whom he must continue to put his faith.

"We have such a lot of experienced players injured and that isn't easy for the young players to handle."

"But young players at this club learn well."

"There is nothing wrong with their ability or temperament. Playing in the Stade de France will

not affect them. What they have to pick up on is the resilience and the substance of United teams of the past.

"What happened on Saturday should help them to understand that better than anything."

"Losing a game 1-0 is one thing. When you get a 4-1 belting, I think it is a bit different."

Yet Ferguson insisted the bad publicity raining on his and the players' heads was "fantastic".

Captain

He claimed: "We know the challenges we face and it helps the young players understand what it means to be at this club. I hope it helps to make them men."

Ferguson hauled off £100,000-a-week centre-back Rio Ferdinand four minutes from time at The

Riverside on Saturday in a move that was widely seen by many observers as public humiliation for the under-performing England star.

But the United boss confirmed last night: "Rio will be playing against Lille."

And he revealed striker Ruud van Nistelrooy will captain the team for the first time.

TEAMS

LILLE: Sylva; Lichsteiner, Schmitz, Tavlardis, Tafforeau; Bod; Bakoun; Gyges; Denis; Moussilou. **UNITED (probable):** Van der Sar; O'Shea, Ferdinand, Brown, Silvestre; Ronaldo, Smith, Fletcher, Richardson; Rooney, Van Nistelrooy. TV: Sky Sports 2, 6pm.

■ **CRYSTAL PALACE** striker Andy Johnson's return from knee surgery means he will not be back until November 19.

■ **DOCTORS** have told Graham Coughlan that an Achilles injury he has picked up means he will not play for Sheffield Wednesday for six weeks.

■ **STOKE** defender Marlon Broomes has had another game added to a three-match ban due to what the Football

SOCCER SHOTS

Association deemed a "frivolous" appeal against his red card at Southampton.

■ **BOSS** Neil Warnock has assured unsettled midfielder Michael Tonge he still has a big future at Sheffield United.

■ **HULL** manager Peter Taylor has turned to Nottingham

Forest's David Johnson to solve his striking problems.

■ **STUART PEARCE** has secured striker Bradley Wright-Phillips, 20, on a four-year deal at Manchester City.

■ **COVENTRY** have taken Celtic winger Anthony McParland on trial.

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Still best

From **Back Page**

under-fire United manager said of his critics: "It used to bother me when I first came to the club."

"Now, it doesn't bother me one bit. There's no point in me getting my drawers in a twist about it."

"There is no difference to this 'crisis' than the others in the past 19 years."

Fergie, whose United face Lille in Paris tonight in the Champions League, refused to be drawn on Keane's Monday rant on MUTV in a programme that was pulled. "I have nothing to say about that," said Fergie.

Keane is said to be furious his views were axed.

What you think

■ **RIO NOT GOOD ENOUGH 4 SUNDAY MORNING TEAM. GINGER SOTON.**

■ time rio an rest of man u money grabbers got their head out of their bank accounts an started playin, sir matt is in his grave! **clive.**

■ **LEAVE FERGIE ALONE. HE IS MY HERO & MAN UNITED ARE STILL DA BEST IN DA WORLD. WE HATE SCOUSERS!**

STEVE RUTHERFORD.

■ mfc 4eva i thought fergie would be blamin the smog for there s*** effort on sat! **suv.**

■ Man Utd fans keep moaning Chelsea bought title. Thats the whole idea, buy good players, win the title. **Mark Boro fan.**

■ come home wayne all is 4given we can c its gone rong 4ya great spirit ere not like utd. **JJ EFC.**

■ thanks fergie but its time to move aside ferdinand oshea fletcher richardson not good enough. **dek mufc.**

■ how does that song go again? was it glory glory man utd? ha, dont make me laugh 4-1 ha ha try stopping me! **THE LAFFIN SCOUSER.**

Information Station

UEFA Champions League

Group E

PSV (1)	1	AC Milan (0)	0
Fairlie 12	1	At: 35,500	
Schalke 04 (1)	2	Fenerbahce (0)	0
Kurany 32			
Sand 90		At: 59,000	

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	4	2	1	2	3	7
Schalke 04	4	1	2	1	7	5
AC Milan	4	1	2	1	5	4
Fenerbahce	4	1	2	7	8	4

Group F

Olympique (1)	1	Lyon (2)	4
Babangida 3		Juhalia 41	
		Cowee 43, 57	
		Diana 55	
		At: 29,555	

Rosenborg (0)	0	Real Madrid (2)	2
		Dorsin 28 og	
		Gull 41	
		At: 20,122	

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyon	4	4	0	10	2	12
Real Madrid	4	3	0	8	5	9
Rosenborg	4	1	0	3	4	3
Olympique	4	0	4	4	11	0

Group G

Liverpool (1)	3	Anderlecht (0)	0
Morientes 34			
Luis Garcia 81			
Cisse 88			
Real Betis (1)	1	Chelsea (0)	0
Dani 28		At: 42,607	

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	4	3	1	0	6	10
Chelsea	4	2	1	1	5	7
Real Betis	4	2	0	2	3	6
Anderlecht	4	0	4	0	6	0

Group H

Artem Bratislava (1)	2	Rangers (2)	2
Bodley 6		Thompson 44	
Kozak 59		At: 6,527	
Inter Milan (0)	2	FC Porto (1)	1
Cruz 75 pen, 82		Hugo Almeida 16	
		At: 37	

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inter Milan	4	3	0	1	4	9
Artem Bratislava	4	1	2	1	5	5
Rangers	4	1	2	1	5	5
FC Porto	4	1	0	3	7	3

Coca-Cola Championship

Brighton (1)	1	Wolves (0)	1
Fruite 40		Cameron 82	
		At: 6,642	

Burnley (0)	2	Millwall (1)	1
Dyer 76		Wright 1	
Elliot 80		At: 10,698	

Crewe (1)	1	Leeds (0)	0
Butler 8 og		At: 7,220	
Nonwich (0)	1	Cardiff (0)	0
Alexander 77 og		At: 23,838	

Plymouth (1)	1	Leicester (0)	1
Chadwick 28			
Abandoned due to waterlogged pitch.			
Preston (0)	3	Hull (0)	0
Johnson 59			

Jones 73		At: 13,536	
McNamee 76			
Reading (1)	2	Sheff Wed (0)	0
Whelan 38 og			
Klison 64		At: 16,188	

Sheff Utd (1)	4	Luton (0)	0
Jagioka 34, 88			
Morgan 50		At: 22,554	
Pericard 71			
Watford (1)	3	QPR (0)	1
Spring 39		Shittu 50	
McNamee 70			
Young 76		At: 16,476	

NATIONWIDE SOUTH: Dorchester	2	Lewes 2
UNIBOND PREMIER: AFC Telford 3		Runcorn 1, Burscough 3
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Reading	17	11	5	1	28	9
Watford	17	8	5	4	29	20
Luton	17	8	4	5	25	28
Leeds	16	7	5	4	19	15
Crystal Palace	15	7	3	5	24	15
Southampton	16	5	9	2	19	13
QPR	17	6	6	5	19	21
Cardiff	16	6	5	5	25	19
Wolves	17	5	7	5	21	18
Burnley	17	6	7	3	23	21
Preston	17	4	9	4	19	18
Leicester	16	4	7	5	16	18
Norwich	17	5	4	8	17	22
Ipswich	16	5	4	7	15	23
Stoke	16	6	1	9	15	24
Hull	17	4	7	1	17	19
Derby	16	3	8	5	21	23
Brighton	17	2	10	5	17	22
Coventry	16	7	6	20	26	16
Sheff Wed	16	3	9	12	19	16
Plymouth	16	3	7	6	12	19
Crewe	17	3	7	18	31	15
Millwall	17	2	6	9	12	27

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Southampton ...	16	5	9	2	19	13	24
QPR	17	6	6	5	19	21	24
Cardiff	16	6	5	5	25	19	23
Wolves	17	5	7	5	21	18	22
Burnley	17	6	4	7	23	21	22
Preston	17	4	9	4	19	18	21

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Southend	16	10	3	3	31	33
Swansea	16	9	4	3	37	20
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Oldham	16	6	3	7	20	21
Walsall	16	5	6	23	26	20
Rotherham	16	4	6	6	19	19
Doncaster	16	5	3	9	17	18
Tranmere	16	4	5	7	16	17
Gillingham	16	4	5	7	13	22
Blackpool	16	3	7	18	25	16
Bristol City	16	4	4	8	19	16
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Werder Bremen v Udinese	

Group D

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Lille v Man Utd	

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Derby v Ipswich	
Southampton v Crystal Palace	

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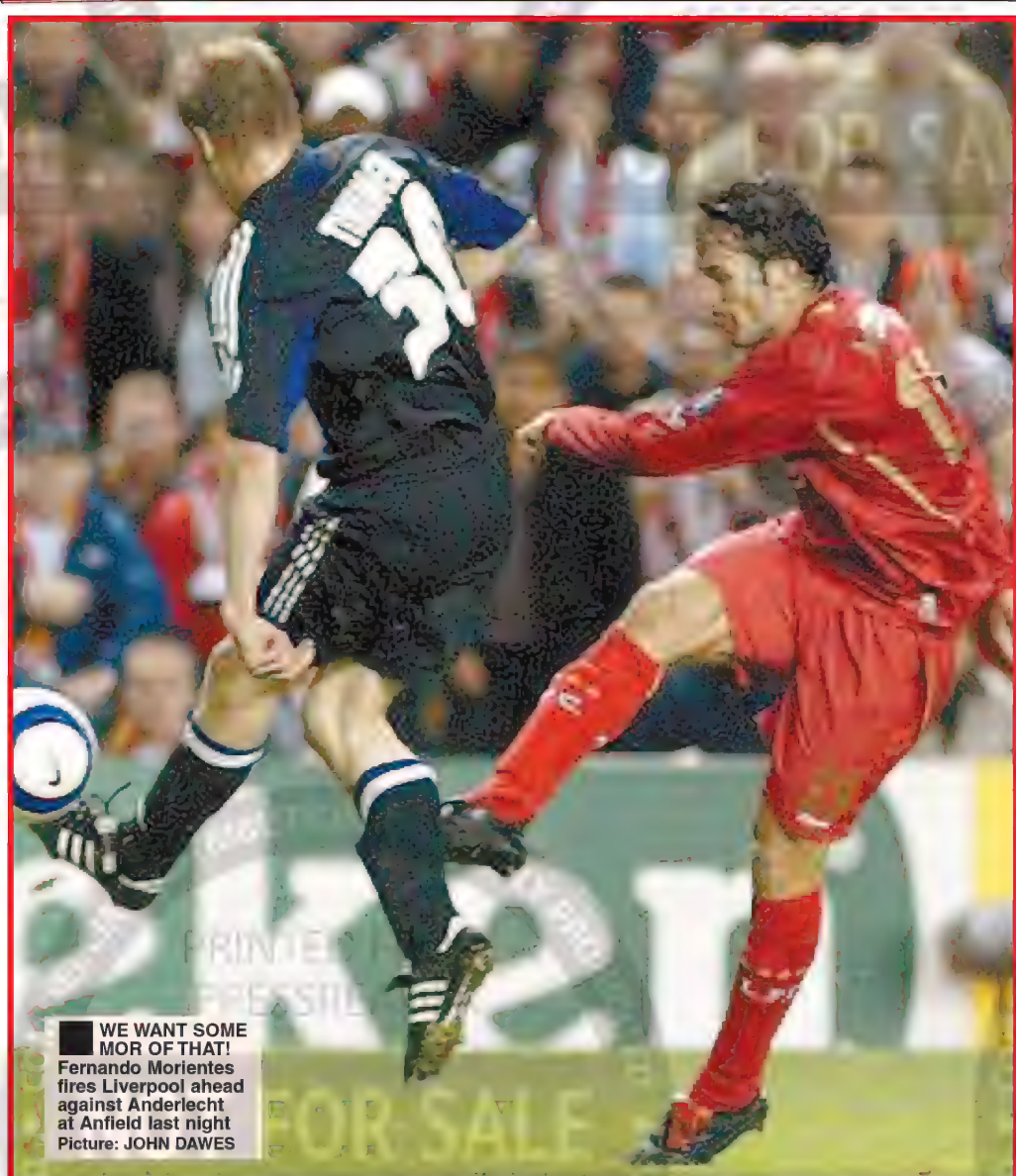
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SERIOUSLY football

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE: Anfield joy



WE WANT SOME MOR OF THAT!
Fernando Morientes
 fires Liverpool ahead
 against Anderlecht
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as Spanish ace comes good for Rafa

FOR THE MERRIER

FERNANDO Morientes repaid his manager's faith in him by ensuring Anfield enjoyed another successful European night.

The Spanish hitman was given a vote of confidence before the game from boss Rafa Benitez.

And he quickly responded by grabbing the 61st European goal of his career to send *Anderlecht* crashing to another *Champions League* defeat.

Morientes has, so far, failed to deliver the goods in the Premiership, and his 34th-minute strike last night was only his third for Liverpool this season – all of them coming in Europe.

Domestic

But Benitez has consistently backed him, claiming that he will come good in the end. Maybe that touch of perseverance will now pay off in domestic competition.

The ex-Real Madrid man's strike will have done his confidence the power of good, after showing a touch of class and coolness.

Steven Gerrard chipped the ball to him on the right-hand side of the penalty area and he calmly chested it down before lashing in a right-foot shot that gave goalkeeper Silvio Proto no chance.

Ironically, that goal came just a minute after Proto had blocked a shot off the knees of the high-jumping Morientes, during a period of early Liverpool pressure. But Morientes had to leave the pitch after 52 minutes, clearly struggling with a leg problem.

Tiny

The Reds made their dominance count in the 61st minute, however, through a sensational 20-yard header from Luis Garcia.

The tiny Spaniard somehow rose high enough to connect with a Steve Finnan cross, but few people would have dreamt that he would score from such a range!

He was in what looked to be a hopeless situation but the ball flew high and into the back of the net. The Belgium outfit's cause wasn't helped in the 75th minute



KOP HERO: Luis Garcia punches the air after heading in the second goal



by KEVIN FRANCIS
Liverpool 3
Anderlecht 0

when Nenad Jestrovic was red-carded for foul and abusive language, but the game had already been put off of their reach.

And Liverpool capped another impressive European display a minute from time when substitute Djibril Cisse raced clear and calmly slotted home goal number three.

It was a match in which captain Gerrard once again turned on the style, with the kind of classy display that has become his trademark as he popped up everywhere

in a free-roaming midfield role. Some of his crossfield passes were a joy to watch as the Liverpool ace gave a typically all-action, sleeves-rolled-up, performance.

Cracking

He almost set-up giant striker Peter Crouch for a goal after 22 minutes, following a cracking right-wing run that saw him evade all Anderlecht attention.

He then sent over a low cross which Crouch, sliding towards

the goal, made contact with but pushed wide of the post.

Anderlecht did give an early indication of the kind of threat they can pose when Christian Wilhelmsson nearly caught out Sami Hyypia.

However, it was soon business as usual for the reigning European Champions.

TEAMS

LIVERPOOL: Reina, Finnan, Carragher, Hyypia, Risse, Gerrard, Alonso, Sisoko, Luis Garcia, Morientes, Crouch. Subs: Dudek, Kewell, Cisse, Hamann, Josemi, Warnock, Zenden.
ANDERLECHT: Proto, Zewlakow, Juhasz, Tiainen, Wilhelmsson, Vanderhaeghe, Deman, Goor, Akin, Zetterberg, Mpenza. Subs: Zitzka, Deschacht, Jestrovic, Basaggio, Pujol, Hasi, Traore.
Referee: K. Molton Nielsen (Denmark).

Cam cracks it in late escape : Lions lose plot on Ell of a night : Cock-up Kelly does it again

■ Brighton 1 Wolves 1

THE spoils were shared at the Withdean last night with Colin Cameron forcing a late equaliser for injury-hit Wolves.

Brighton went in front five minutes before the interval when Frenchman Alexandre Frutos scored with a low shot to give fans hope of a first home win in two months.

But Wolves salvaged a point eight minutes from time when substitute Cameron fired home after Ioan Ganea saw a shot hit the bar.

■ Burnley 2 Millwall 1

BURNLEY sealed victory in a bad-tempered match in which they had James O'Connor sent off and Millwall got three red cards.

Millwall's Jermaine Wright scored after a minute but his side lost Ben May after a half-time tunnel row with Frank Sinclair.

Jody Morris and O'Connor were then dismissed, as Nathan Dyer and Wade Elliot made it 2-1 to the Clarets. Then Marvin Elliott saw red after the whistle.

■ Crewe 1 Leeds 0

GARY KELLY'S own-goal jinx struck again to put a spanner in Leeds' bid to close in on the automatic promotion places.

The defender beat his own keeper Neil Sullivan twice last season and he was at it again to set up Crewe for only their third win in 16 league games this season.

The right-back tried to clear Michael Higdon's cross but sent his eighth-minute header looping over Sullivan and into the net.

It's Whelan of misfortune...

■ Reading 2 Sheffield Wednesday 0

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY skipper Glen Whelan suffered an identity crisis as Reading's promotion push continued to gather steam.

Whelan played for most of the night in a shirt without a number after it got ripped off in an early challenge.

But that didn't allow him to escape being credited with the own goal that helped keep the second-placed Royals well clear of the chasing Championship pack.

His miscued challenge wrongfooted his own keeper David Lucas after he had attempted to prevent Reading's top scorer Dave Kitson from steering in Kevin Doyle's pull-back seven minutes before half-time.

Kitson hit the second low into the corner of the net in the 64th minute after he had been put clear by a brilliant solo run and pass by Glen Little.

It was Kitson's eighth goal of the season and his fourth in four games.

■ Plymouth 1 Leicester 0 (abandoned at half-time)

POOR Nick Chadwick scored on his recall to Plymouth's starting line-up – but saw the goal wiped out by a torrential downpour!

The Home Park clash was abandoned at half-time by Northants ref Andy Woolmer, which means the Foxes face another 500-mile round-trip to Devon.

Striker Chadwick had struck in the 29th minute but in the end it proved meaningless.

■ Preston 3 Hull 0

JEMAL Johnson helped end a miserable run of nine home games without a win for Preston.

A long clearance on 59 minutes picked out Johnson – who is on loan from Blackburn – and he slipped the ball past defender Mark Joseph and fired home.

David Jones and Paul McKenna then sealed the points for Preston with superb long-range efforts.

■ Norwich 1 Cardiff 0

NORWICH finally got the break they craved last night as Cardiff goalkeeper Neil Alexander scored a freak own-goal to gift the Canaries victory.

Without a win in five matches, Norwich took advantage of Alexander's misfortune 14 minutes from time.

Jim Brennan broke forward and crossed for on-loan Calum Davenport, whose header struck a Cardiff defender, bounced off the back of Alexander's head and ended up in the visitors' goal.

Norwich had gone out knowing they needed a win to help save under-fire manager Nigel Worthington's job – but for long periods it looked like another hard-luck story until Alexander's unwitting intervention.

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2/1 Lille 11/5 Draw Man Utd 11/10

Champions League, tonight, Stade de France, kick-off 7.45pm, live on Sky

correct score			first goalscorer		
Lille	Score	Man Utd	4/1	R. Van Nistelrooy	(M)
8/1	0-0	5/1	5/1	W. Rooney	(M)
13/2	1-0	11/2	12/1	C. Ronaldo	(M)
5/1	1-1	5/1	14/1	J.S. Park	(M)
12/1	2-0	8/1	4/1	A. Smith	(M)
7/1	2-1	3/1	33/1	M. Silvestre	(M)
14/1	2-2	14/1	40/1	J.O. Shea	(M)
40/1	3-0	18/1	56/1	R. Ferdinand	(M)
28/1	3-1	19/1			

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1/4 Arsenal 7/2 Draw Sparta Prague 9/1

Champions League, tonight, kick-off 7.45pm, live on Sky

correct score			first goalscorer		
Arsenal	Score	Sparta Prague	7/2	T. Henry	(A)
8/1	0-0	3/1	4/1	R. Van Persie	(A)
9/1	1-0	12/1	9/2	R. Pires	(A)
13/2	1-1	13/2	5/2	J.A. Reyes	(A)
5/1	2-0	50/1	11/2	D. Bergkamp	(A)
7/1	2-1	33/1	11/2	F. Ljungberg	(A)
25/1	2-2	25/1	14/1	C. Fabregas	(A)
7/1	3-0	100/1	25/1	S. Campbell	(A)
10/1	3-1	100/1			

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Sad Hatters driven out by two Jags

PHIL JAGIELKA'S double helped keep Neil Warnock's Sheffield United at the top of the Championship table.

The Blades bounced back in style from Saturday's goalless draw against Cardiff with four goals against promotion rivals Luton.

Shock challengers Luton, last season's League One winners, were firmly put to the sword.

Chris Morgan was also on the scoresheet for the Blades with his first of the season five minutes into the second half, while on-loan Portsmouth striker Vincent Pericard grabbed his second this term after 71 minutes.

Smashed

United's crucial breakthrough came after 34 minutes when midfielder Jagielka claimed his third goal of the season.

Alan Quinn's tricky free-kick had Luton keeper Marlon Beresford stretching to punch out as far as Paul Ifill, who smashed a volley into a crowd of players.

Chris Morgan's scuffed shot trickled to Jagielka, who stabbed in from six yards.

Luton hunted for a quick reply and Carlos Edwards

Sheff Utd 4 Luton 0

tore down the right and cut back a dangerous low cross that forced Jagielka into a desperate clearance.

And just before half-time Blades keeper Paddy Kenny turned away Warren Feeney's shot.

But five minutes into the second half, Morgan headed United into the comfort zone after Quinn swung in another testing free kick.

Then Derek Geary curled in a low ball which sub Pericard, sliding in, managed to guide past Hatters keeper Beresford.

Jagielka added his second, and United's fourth, two minutes from time.

IT'S SPRING TIME

Watford 3 QPR 1

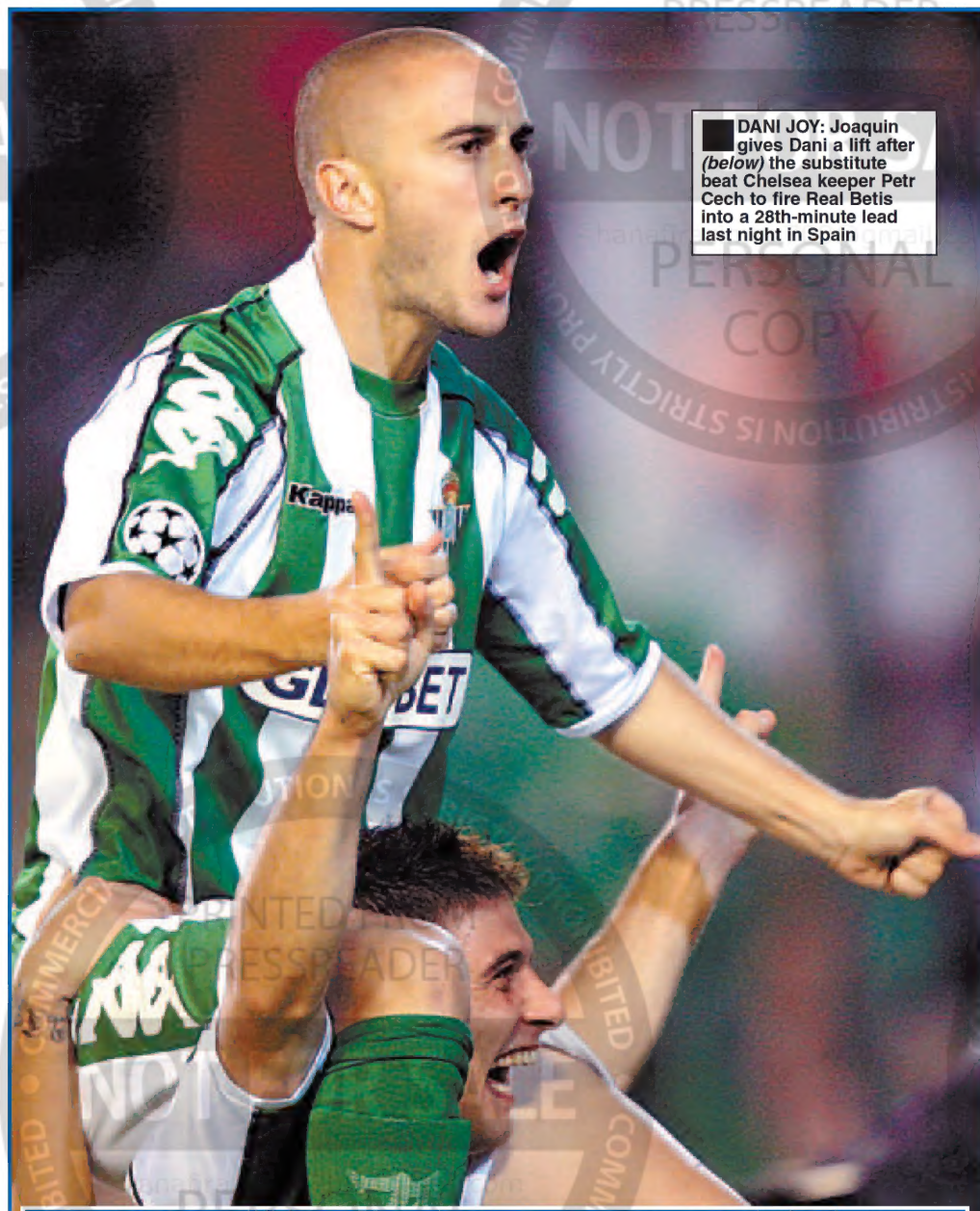
MATTHEW SPRING ended Rangers' run of five unbeaten away games last night. He headed Watford ahead in the 39th minute from close range after Ashley Young's ball into the box ricocheted off Dan Shittu.

Spring then turned provider for the second goal, laying off a smart ball in the 70th minute for Anthony McNamee to fire under keeper Simon Royce.

Young's free-kick five minutes later evaded everyone for Watford's third, before Shittu's last-minute effort for a well-beaten Rangers.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE: Chelsea's



DANI JOY: Joaquin gives Dani a lift after (below) the substitute beat Chelsea keeper Petr Cech to fire Real Betis into a 28th-minute lead last night in Spain



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Lille/Draw	14/1	Man Utd	2-0	7/1
Draw/Draw	7/2	Man Utd	3-1	20/1
Man Utd/Man Utd	13/5	Lille	1-0	13/2

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SCORECAST

1st Scorer	Correct Score	Current Price
W. Rooney	Man Utd 2-1	35/1
R. Van Nistelrooy	Man Utd 3-0	66/1

Others available on request.

ARSENAL V SPARTA PRAGUE

1/4 Arsenal 9/2 Sparta Prague 9/1
Kick Off 19.45, Sky Sports Xtra

HALF TIME / FULL TIME CORRECT SCORE

Arsenal/Arsenal	4/7	Arsenal	1-0	11/2
Draw/Arsenal	7/2	Arsenal	2-0	9/1
S. Prague/Arsenal	28/1	Draw	2-2	28/1
Arsenal/S. Prague	50/1	S. Prague	1-0	12/1

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SCORECAST

1st Scorer	Correct Score	Current Price
T. Henry	Arsenal 2-1	25/1
F. Ljungberg	Arsenal 2-1	45/1

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proud record wrecked as Betis close the gap



JOSE'S DAN 'N BUSTED

CHELSEA suffered a Real blip here last night as Dani's first-half strike sent them to their first 90-minute defeat of the season.

The Real Betis striker came off the bench to slot in the 28th-minute goal which ended a run of 16 matches unbeaten dating back to the Community Shield win over Arsenal in August.

In fact, it was their first defeat for six months — since the Champions League semi-final defeat by Liverpool at Anfield in May — although a week ago they lost a Carling Cup penalty shoot-out to Charlton.

More important last night, while Liverpool were going top of Group G by beating Anderlecht 3-0 at home, Betis moved within a point of second-placed Chelsea.

The defeat dashed Chelsea's hopes of qualifying for the Champions League knockout last 16 — a win in Seville would have secured their place.

Posts

But they have another chance in three weeks when they go to Anderlecht and Betis visit Anfield.

It would have been even worse for Chelsea if Dani had cashed in on another chance on the stroke of half-time after Edu had fired in a swerving effort which Petr Cech could only parry.

Chelsea must have thought they had earned a draw in the 71st minute when a superb Frank Lampard pass from one side of the area to the other found Shaun Wright-Phillips, who pulled the ball back to Michael Essien.

But Essien not only hit one post but both of them before the ball squirted back to keeper Pedro Contreras.

He was out of luck again in the 78th minute when he fired into the net for what he thought was the equaliser as well as his first strike for the Blues. But the goal was ruled out for an infringement.

Just before Essien had spelled double trouble, Contreras and Didier Drogba were involved in a pushing and shoving spat which earned the Chelsea substitute a booking.

The Spaniards came into the

TEAMS

REAL BETIS: Contreras, Varela, Juanito, Nano, Melli, Joaquin, Rivera, Arzu, Edu, Capi, Oliveira. Subs: Doblas, Dani, Fernando, Xisco, Castellini, Juanlu, Israel.
CHELSEA: Cech, Paulo Ferreira, Ricardo Carvalho, Terry, Gallas, Essien, Makelele, Lampard, J Cole, Gudjohnsen, Robben. Subs: Cudicini, Duff, Geremi, Drogba, Bridge, Wright-Phillips, Huth.
REFEREE: A Hamer (Luxembourg).



SPANISH SIGHS: Jose Mourinho and his staff feel the frustration on the Chelsea bench

by SCOTT COLEMAN

Real Betis 1 Chelsea 0

game at a low ebb. Not that their magnificent fans massed inside the Manuel Ruiz de Lopera Stadium showed it.

Since crashing 4-0 at the Bridge, they have lost three straight games in La Liga to sit fourth from bottom in the table.

Yet as they had done two weeks previously, they began with the bit between their teeth.

With the ball at his feet, Joaquin — a player tracked by Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho last season — is a real threat. And he

was instrumental in the early move which saw Edu get in behind Paulo Ferreira but the defender recovered.

Ferreira was back in the side for Asier Del Horno, the versatile William Gallas switched to left-back.

Drilled

Arjen Robben was preferred to the fit-again Damien Duff while Eidor Gudjohnsen was given a surprise start up front.

It was a tight opening, Mourinho's men sticking rigidly to their shape and looking to spring forward.

John Terry gave Robben the chance to run at Juanito with a superb ball out of defence but the Betis skipper stood firm and made a fine tackle. Neither side

backed down from the physical battle.

And Betis were dealt two cruel blows in as many minutes midway through the first half.

First Nano pulled up and had to go off then Ricardo Oliveira was halted by a firm but fair challenge from Ricardo Carvalho. The medical cart was forced to whizz on again.

Yet Oliveira's replacement, Dani, would make an immediate impact. Betis threatened when cutting in from wide areas and it was from one such surge that they went ahead.

Capi moved in from the left and drilled over a low centre. Then in a moment of magic Edu froze the Blues defence with a dummy and Dani was in to finish from close range.

Just before the goal, Cole had talked his way into the referee's notebook.

Now, Chelsea needed more positive action and the England midfielder almost provided it. Gudjohnsen released him with a reverse pass — the flag correct-

ly stayed down — and only a smart block from Contreras thwarted him.

The keeper saved again from Robben before Gudjohnsen blew a golden chance. Put clean through by Terry, he blazed high over the bar.

But it could have been worse for Chelsea at half-time. Cech could only block Edu's swerving shot and Dani swooped on the rebound. To Chelsea's relief, his left-footed effort squirmed wide.

Nose

Chelsea were clearly intent on rescuing the game when Mourinho opted to replace Cole with Wright-Phillips and Gudjohnsen with Drogba at half-time.

In the 49th minute Robben was booked for a foul on Fernando Varela who was also cautioned by referee Alain Hamer for his part in the clash.

Robben had blood streaming from a cut on his nose and he treatment and changed his shirt before returning to the action.

Vassell fired up by Cole

by KEVIN FRANCIS

A SPOT of friendly rivalry is the main driving force behind the 10-goal partnership of Manchester City's striking partnership of Darius Vassell and Andy Cole.

The pair were in stunning form as City recorded their sixth win in 11 Premiership games with the 3-1 defeat of Aston Villa, which hoisted them into fourth place in the table on Monday.

And it was particularly sweet for Vassell against the club he left to join Stuart Pearce's City outfit for £2m in the summer.

He grabbed two goals with Cole getting the other and said of their blossoming partnership: "Andy is single-minded."

"While he hasn't said anything, I know deep down he will want to score more goals than me."

Dip

"I'm the same and he knows that. There is a little battle going on between us but that can only be beneficial to the club."

The two have five goals each but Vassell has seen the partnership broken up five times when injuries have forced Cole to watch from the sidelines.

And that has been a problem for City, with Vassell saying: "Whenever Andy is out of the team, we seem to go through a little dip. We are a better team with Andy in it."

"His experience and goals record speaks for itself and I need to be playing alongside someone like him."

"I'm still trying to learn. I don't mind doing his running as long as I get a goal at the end of it!"

Robbo's battling the drop

BRYAN ROBSON was last night forced to admit that West Brom face another winter-long battle against relegation.

Defeat against Newcastle last Sunday has left Albion hovering above the relegation zone, with just two Premiership wins all season.

And just months after dreaming about consolidating the club's Premiership status, the former England skipper has handed his fans a harsh dose of reality.

Realistic

"We are in a relegation fight," said Robson. "It's going to be the same as last season."

"So everyone might as well get themselves used to that because that's how it's going to be. However, our supporters are realistic."

"We've got good honest lads here but I want them to do better and be in mid-table or in the top half of the league."

"I am not getting that from them at the moment and, for me, that is disappointing."

Fergie: We're still top club in universe

■ from BILL THORNTON in Paris

DEFIANT Sir Alex Ferguson declared last night that Manchester United is the biggest club of all time.

Ferguson hit back at his critics when he claimed: "We are the biggest club ever. On the planet. In the universe. There is no doubt about that."

His claims came in the wake of the Roy Keane controversy after the injured United skipper panned his team-mates. Chelsea, who are running away with the Premiership title, and European giants like Real Madrid, AC Milan and Barcelona would undoubtedly disagree with Fergie.



HOT RED: Roy Keane under siege from photographers yesterday

Feisty

But, after three days in which United crashed to a humiliating 4-1 defeat at Middlesbrough and were then panned by Keane, boss Ferguson was in feisty mood. The

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Weng: Jose's just stupid

FURIOUS Arsene Wenger last night lashed out at Jose Mourinho - labelling him "stupid" and "disrespectful".

The Arsenal boss was disgusted by Mourinho's personal attack, which included him calling the Frenchman "a sick voyeur".

And he is considering taking legal action over the Chelsea manager's outburst.

The pair have been at each other's throats ever

■ by DANNY FULLBROOK

since the Ashley Cole tapping-up affair earlier in the year.

But Wenger feels that, while he has been talking about football, Mourinho has over-stepped the mark by getting personal.

The Gunners chief said: "I find the comments out of order, disconnected with reality and disrespectful - and I will see if I will take some action."

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TARGET MEN: Fernando Morientes celebrates after firing Liverpool ahead and Dani salutes Real Betis fans after scoring against Chelsea

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REAL PAIN FOR MOUR

But Liverpool race clear with Kop blitz

CHELSEA crashed to a shock defeat in Spain last night.

Jose Mourinho's side lost their first match since they were beaten at Anfield in the semi-final of last season's Champions League at Anfield.

Dani scored the Real Betis winner before the break in Seville as the Premiership outfit lost another cup tie after last week's Carling Cup KO by Charlton. Michael Essien was desperate-

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ly unlucky not to equalise when his shot hit BOTH posts before rolling to safety.

Liverpool had no such worries in the other Group G clash after Fernando Morientes hammered home only his third of the season in the 34th minute.

Luis Garcia and Djibril Cisse added further goals in the second half after Anderlecht had Nenad Jestrovic sent off for swearing.

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